



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **FUKUSHIMA, Tomoki et al.**

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For: **ENGINE GENERATOR APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 12, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-4 as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A grid-connected type engine generator apparatus for rectifying and converting an alternating output of a generator, which has multi-phase windings and is driven by an engine, and converting the rectified output by an inverter into an alternating current at the frequency of grid and the alternating current is connected with the comprising:

a means for starting the connection with the grid when the direct current voltage at inside of the inverter rises up to first predetermined level after the start up of the engine and then increasing the output of the inverter;

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